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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF WYOMING

TRI COUNTY TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, INC., a Wyoming corporation,	)	
Plaintiff,	Cause No. 17-CV-89-F	
VS.	) ) AFFIDAVIT OF CHRIS DAVIDSON	
JOE CAMPBELL AND BARBARA CAMPBELL and JOHN AND JANE DOES 1-10,	) )	
Defendants.	_)	
STATE OF WYOMING )		
County of Big Horn : ss.		

Chris Davidson, being first duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

- 1. My name is Chris Davidson. I am over twenty-one years of age and competent to testify. I have firsthand knowledge of the matters set forth herein. I am authorized to make this Affidavit. I submit this Affidavit after having been sworn under the penalty of perjury.
- 2. I am the CEO of Tri County Telephone Association, Inc., Plaintiff herein. I was formerly the CEO of Tri County when it was a cooperative association.
- 3. The property claimed by Plaintiff in this Motion for Writ of Replevin or Return of Property is an HP laptop computer, model 6530b, product number CNU9031G1L, serial number KR984UA#ABA. Defendant Joe Campbell purchased said laptop using the company credit card on January 7, 2013 from the Dell Online Store for \$1,237.95. Tri County then paid this credit card charge in full on February 14, 2013. This laptop was provided to Mr. Campbell for his use in his capacity as a member of the board of directors of Plaintiff's predecessor. Ownership of the laptop was not given or transferred to Joe Campbell at that time or at any time thereafter, and Tri County remains the rightful owner of the property.
- 4. Plaintiff is the indisputable owner of the property and as such has the exclusive right to possession of the property. Defendants have no legal title to the property or any equitable ownership interest in the property.
- 5. Mr. Campbell used that computer to gain access to company proprietary and confidential trade secret information for his exclusive use as a Board member.
- 6. Upon his departure from the Board of Directors of Plaintiff's predecessor,

  Defendant Joe Campbell was required to return the property to the Plaintiff pursuant to an

  unanimously adopted board resolution; Mr. Campbell voted in favor of that resolution. See

  attached Item 1 (board minutes, December 16, 2014). Despite repeated demands for return of the

computer and data, Mr. Campbell refused. See attached Item 2 (email string between myself and Joe Campbell which occurred in early January, 2015).

- 7. Our company lawyer, David Clark, also demanded that Mr. Campbell return the computer and data. See attached Item 3 (letter to Mr. Campbell, dated April 7, 2017).
- 8. Instead, Mr. Campbell delivered possession of the property to his attorney Drake Hill at the Hill Law Firm, LLC, 2616 Carey Avenue in Cheyenne, Wyoming, telephone (307) 638-9334 where the property is now located. See attached Item 4 (letter from Mr. Hill, dated April 26, 2017). Mr. Hill also has ignored repeated requests for return of the property and continues to wrongfully detain the same.
- 9. The property has not been taken for a tax, assessment or fine pursuant to statute, or seized under an execution or an attachment against the property.
- 10. The actual value of the property is less than \$1,000.00, although the information contained on its component parts is confidential, proprietary, and of significant value to the Plaintiff.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2017.

Chris Davidson

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to before me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2017.

CALYN HUNT **COUNTY OF BIG HORN** WYOMING MY COMMISSION EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 5, 2020

Notary Public for the State of Wyoming

My Commission Expires Statember 4.2020

## TRI COUNTY TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors

December 16, 2014

**Board Members Present:** 

Daniel Greet John Johnson Dalin Winters Joe Campbell Cliff Alexander Others Present: Chris Davidson Steve Harper Calyn Hunt Don Jackson

Mike Rosenthal

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the TCT WEST, INC., office in Cody, Wyoming after the pledge of allegiance and invocation.

Cliff Alexander made a motion to accept the November 19, 2014 Tri County minutes as amended. Daniel Greet seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

There are no financials to report on.

Steve reported that in our last meeting that he presented numbers for the Tri County profits upon approval of the sale. He would like to make an amendment to the numbers for the Verizon gain. The number that was approved was 15.1 million for the book gain and not the tax gain.

Chris Davidson presented the CEO report. The number he received from AKT needs to be 17.1 million to be paid out for the Verizon gain if the sale goes through. Steve would like an amendment. John Johnson made a motion to accept the change as presented. Daniel Greet seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Cliff Alexander made a motion to have the Saturday meeting that they attended in Basin as a Board day. John Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed with Joe Campbell voting against and Daniel Greet abstaining.

The Board looked over the Oversight Committee list to narrow it down. Calyn Hunt will contact the people left on the list and the top ten that agree to be on the committee.

Chris discussed with the Board a bonus for Steve.

The Board went into executive session. Chris Davidson, Steve Harper, Don Jackson and Calyn Hunt left the meeting.

Chris Davidson, Steve Harper, Don Jackson and Calyn Hunt re-entered the meeting.

The Board has agreed on bonuses for Calyn, Steve, Don and Chris. This will be a bonus from the Board for all they have done for them. Calyn -\$5,000.00, Steve and Chris \$15,000, and Don will receive \$10,000 and a trip from last year that he didn't take or 2 trips. His choice for what bonus he would like.

Mike Rosenthal entered the meeting.

The Board discussed the meeting agenda for Saturday. The meeting will officially start at 10:00 am. Each office in Cody and Basin front offices will be open from 8-10 a.m. for people to drop off ballots. Ballot count will be at |10:30 a.m., if the sale has gone through members can cast their vote for the Oversight Committee ballots. We also have door prizes to give away to fill some time while the ballots are counted.

Mike Rosenthal will have documents to sign after the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> if the sale goes through. Mike Rosenthal addressed the Board regarding the recording device that Joe Campbell was discovered to be using to record the November Board meeting. I. Mike Rosenthal suggested that he, as counsel for the Board and

TCT, be allowed to listen to the recorder to determine if there had been any breach of Board policy, procedure or confidentiality agreements.

Cliff Alexander made a motion to turn the recorder over to Mike Rosenthal. Joe Campbell refused to give the recorder over. Joe will not allow the Board to have the recorder or listen to it.

Mike stated that if there is nothing to hide he should hand it over and allow the Board to confirm there was no breach of policy or confidentiality. Mike told Joe he would suggest handing it over and clearing his name, since his actions have created suspicion amongst the Board and management.

Dalin would like a motion for the Board to approve generally stating they condemn what Joe has done and have ho ties to Joe and anything he does going forward that might jeopardize the the sale or subject the Board to litigation from BHT for violation of confidentiality and non-solicitation terms of the various agreements.

The Board discussed destroying the voice recorder and going on with business.

The Board asked if Daniel could keep it and give it back after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year. Joe Campbell refused to give it to him.

The Board discussed that counsel had recommended an approach and Mr. Campbell refused. The Board members discussed what Joe Campbell had done and said in the last Board meeting and that the Board had requested Joe hand over the voice recorder and that Joe had refused to give it up or allow anyone to listen to its contents.

Cliff Alexander made the motion to accept the resolution to condemn Joe's actions. John Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Board offered Joe the opportunity for the tape recorder to be placed in safe keeping with a neutral party and sealed, in case it became relevant in any future litigation and thus not subject to being destroyed. John Johnson made the motion. Cliff Alexander seconded the motion. Motion passed. Joe Campbell refused to give up possession of the recorder, saying he would only do so under a court's order.

Dalin then requested a Motion for a second resolution of the Board detailing the second offer for handling the recorder, the Board's desire to preserve the evidence and Joe's refusal to do so, which potentially places the Board in a difficult position regarding threatened litigation and that Joe be reprimanded for his actions.

Mike Rosenthal prepared a resolution for the resignation of the current Board of Directors if the sale is approved by the members and the closings occur on December 31 and January 2, as planned. Cliff Alexander made the motion to accept the resolution. John Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Board discussed a resolution pertaining to the Board computers that the memory of each Board member's TCT computer needs to be backed up and saved on a company server for safekeeping in case of litigation involving the Board's activities—and the Board discussed making that back-up a condition before a Board member could retain their computer. The age and value of the computers was discussed and the price was set at \$0. Once their memories are downloaded to the TCT server for safekeeping, the Board will then be given back the computers and voluntarily delete TCT files from them. All directors need to acknowledge that they are still under NDA. Cliff Alexander made the motion to accept the resolution. John Johnson seconded the motion. The Board can keep their computers as long as nothing is deleted before the stored data and files are preserved.

Cliff Alexander made a motion for the meeting on Saturday to be paid. John Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

Chris Davidson reported that he has brought a cease and desist letter against Bill Loveland. Chris stated that this has gone too far.

The Board meeting adjourned.

		Secretary
Date Approved:		
	President	

### Wednesday, December 30, 2015 at 10:41:53 AM Mountain Standard Time

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Date: Thursday, January 8, 2015 at 1:12:55 PM Mountain Standard Time

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CC: 'Michael Rosenthal', 'Dalin Winters'

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## GREEAR CLARK KING, P.C. A Wyoming Law Firm

April 7, 2017

Robert J. DiLorenzo P.O. Box 27 Emblem, WY 82422

Drake D. Hill Hill Law Firm, LLC 2616 Carey Avenue Cheyenne, WY 82001

RE: Campbell v. Davidson, et al Civil Action No. 28260

## Dear Messrs. Hill and DiLorenzo:

I've learned that the board members of TCT were each given a laptop computer for use in conducting TCT business. The computer provided to Mr. Campbell was a Hewlett Packard 6530b, Product Number – CNU9031G1L, Serial Number – KR984UA#ABA. These computers contained confidential and proprietary information owned by TCT, as well as materials protected by at a minimum, the attorney-client privilege. I've also learned that when TCT was purchased, those computers were to be turned back over to their owner, TCT. TCT requested that Mr. Campbell return the laptop on multiple occasions, but Mr. Campbell failed to ever return the computer as required. (See Attachments A, B and C).

By this letter I request the immediate return of TCT's computer to this office.

Further, please be advised that should Mr. Campbell have possession or control of this computer or any materials on or from it, he is in possession of property belonging to TCT. Such materials should be considered at this point to be confidential, proprietary and/or protected by privilege.

 $\Diamond$ 

Robert DiLorenzo Drake Hill April 7, 2017

TCT has not waived any rights regarding the privacy of any materials contained on the computer, or any attorney-client or other privilege that may apply to the materials found on it. No materials on the computer should be accessed until any issues regarding the computer or its contents are resolved. Such issues include but are not limited to the ownership of the computer, the ownership of the materials contained on it, the nature of the materials on it, and the applicability of any privileges to those materials. Further, should any materials from TCT's computer have been accessed without permission, we reserve the right to seek the "claw back" of materials accessed, removed or copied from this computer, including any materials relied upon in bringing this lawsuit and any materials that have been disseminated without the permission of the owner, TCT.

I realize there will likely be disagreement about some of the propositions set forth above. My intent in writing, however, is not to resolve any of these issues at this time. Rather, my intent is to recover the computer and stop any distribution of materials that may be found on it while any disputes about ownership or accessibility are resolved.

Sincerely

David M. Clark

cc:

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From: Chris Davidson < chris.davidson@tctstaff.com>

Date: April 5, 2017 at 10:03:53 PM MDT
To: "chris@tctwest.net" <chris@tctwest.net>
Subject: FW: several items from TCT

From: Chris Davidson

Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 9:40 AM To: Joe Campbell < <a href="mailto:joe@tctwest.net">joe@tctwest.net</a>> Subject: several items from TCT

Jöe,

- The audit is getting close to being complete.
- All other former Board members have brought their computers in for backup. I reaffirm that the laptop remains TCT property until that backup occurs.
- There is a Chris J Campbell who didn't cash his TCT check. It isn't large but I didn't know if that is your son or not.

Chris

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Sent: Tuesday, June 16, 2015 11:42 AM

To: Mike-Office Cc: Neil Schlenker

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DRAKE D. HILL

(307) 638-9334

April 26, 2017

Via Electronic Transmittal
Mr. David M. Clark
Greear Clark King, P.C.
1112 Robertson Avenue
P.O. Box 552
Worland, Wyoming 82401-0552

Re: Joe Campbell and Barbara Campbell on behalf of themselves and a class of persons similarly situated v. Davidson et al; Case No. 28260, Fifth Judicial District Court, Park County, Wyoming

Dear Mr. Clark:

We are in receipt of your letter dated April 7, 2017 and your clarification letter. The referenced computer was given to Mr. Campbell as a board member of TCT. In addition, or perhaps notwithstanding the fact that the clients you represent could not be the ones with an interest at issue, the policy of the board was not as you describe, but rather, was that there was no expectation for the return of the computer. The passage of time evidences this.

We are cautious on this topic because we worry that your effort to gain access to the computer might be an effort to withhold information that may be relevant in the above-referenced litigation. Mr. Campbell will not participate in any efforts to withhold information in the litigation. Rather, my office has taken possession of the computer and I will hold it in safekeeping for the

purpose of ensuring that all relevant information on that computer relating to the case is produced in discovery.<sup>1</sup>

Your blanket assertion of privilege or confidentiality is not useful. We worry that this is merely an attempt to withhold information that could be relevant in this litigation. Our approach is taken from a preservation of evidence standpoint.

We wish for you to understand our purpose is to safeguard potentially relevant information. We trust that this letter serves to clarify the Plaintiffs' position relating to the computer referenced in your April 7, 2017 letter.

Very truly yours,

DRAKE D. HILL

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Plaintiffs have served a privilege list of documents withheld from production on the basis of privilege. References in this letter to relevant documents are exclusive of documents that the Plaintiffs have withheld from production on the basis of the attorney-client privilege or as attorney work product.